

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Official Action of June 28, 2007. In the Official Action, Claims 1-4 and 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,101,387 to Granberg *et al.* (“Granberg”). Herein, independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended, as have been dependent Claims 11 and 12. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Amended Claim 1 of the present application reads:

1. A communications system having base stations for providing mobile stations with communications links and at least one localized service area, comprising:

a service server which is arranged to maintain information concerning the location of mobile stations in localized service areas and to generate requests for changing the service selection offered to mobile stations in response to receiving, from the mobile stations, mobile station generated messages describing the location of the mobile stations in relation to localized service areas; and

means for changing the service selection offered to a mobile station by the communications system in response to an indication of the arrival of the mobile station in said localized service area, which indication is a message generated by said mobile station separately from obligatory location updates performed when roaming in the cells of a cellular radio network.

Regarding the recitation “which indication is a message generated by said mobile station separately from obligatory location updates performed when roaming in the cells of a cellular radio network,” amended independent Claims 4 and 7 include recitations that are substantially similar.

Granberg is directed to a mobile communications system that includes a plurality of location areas for providing mobile communications services to mobile subscribers. A first set of services is provided to subscribers in a first location area. A second set of services is provided to mobile subscribers in a second location area. When a mobile subscriber leaves the first location area and enters the second location area (*i.e.*, moves from one cell to another in a cellular network), the mobile subscriber registers with the second location area by sending a registration message to a mobile switching center visiting location register (MSC/VLR). *See*

col. 6, lines 5-11. This registration process is understood to be a standard and obligatory location update performed when roaming in the cells of a cellular radio network. Then, the second set of services supported by the second location area is communicated to the mobile subscriber.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Granberg* fails to disclose or suggest the generation or transmission of an indication of the arrival of the mobile station in said localized service area, where the indication is a message generated by said mobile station separately from obligatory location updates performed when roaming in the cells of a cellular radio network, as recited in independent Claims 1, 4, and 7. Rather, as discussed above, *Granberg* discloses standard obligatory location update messages that are sent from a mobile subscriber when roaming between cells in a cellular network. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 4, and 7, and the claims respectively depending therefrom, are patentable over *Granberg*.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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